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Development of Heliports/Helipads
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has inaugurated the first integrated Heliport in Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof including facilities provided therein and the number of helicopter arrivals and departures to be handled by this heliport on daily basis;

(c) the employment to be generated from the said heliport and the steps taken/being taken by the Government to set up more Heliports/Helipads in various parts of the country;

(d) whether the Government has decided to set up three other Heliports besides one already established in Delhi and if so, the details thereof;

(e) the total number of helipads in various parts of the country, State/UTwise and the places which are to be connected by heliport services in the country; and

(f) whether the Government proposes to construct more helipads in the country and if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Jayant Sinha)

(a) to (f) Yes, Rohini Heliport has been formally inaugurated on 28 February, 2017. The heliport has provisions for operational facilities and Maintenance, Repair & Overhaul (MRO) as well. The heliport has the following facilities;

(i) Centrally air-conditioned Passenger terminal building having the capacity to handle 150 passengers

(ii) Four hangers of 3600 sqm area (each hanger with 900 sqm)

(iii) Parking capacity for 12 helicopters

(iv) Refuelling facility

(v) Fire services.

Heliport has been used for 25 operations so far by various operators. As per ICAO study - "Economic benefits of civil aviation: ripples of prosperity", the output and employment multipliers of aviation are 3.25 and 6.10 respectively. Ministry of Civil Aviation has issued the National Civil Aviation Policy (NCAP). NCAP has the provision of development of four helihubs in the Country, namely Northern, Western, Eastern and Southern Region. One of the Heli-hub has already been developed at Rohini, New Delhi. List of total number of helipads is attached as Annexure "A". Ministry of Civil Aviation has launched Regional Connectivity Scheme under NCAP which inter-alia permits helicopter operation only among the States of J&K, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, North Eastern Region of India, A&N Islands and Lakshadweep Islands. However, development of regional air connectivity routes is demand driven and left to market force, such that airline operators undertake assessment of demand of supply required on a particular route. Helipads in States/UT are generally constructed and maintained by State Govt. on requirement basis.